(c) As on 30.6.2001, 61.7 million tonnes of foodgrains comprising 22.8 million tonnes of rice and 38.9 million tonnes of wheat were available in the Central Pool. Age-wise break-up of stocks of foodgrains (wheat, rice and paddy) with FCI as on 30.06.2001 is as under:—

	(in tonnes)
Upto 1 year	2,11,18,111
1-2 years	76,09,286
2-3 years	23,51,752
3-4 years	9,37,090
4-5 years	2,04,363
More than 5 years	2,24,470
TOTAL	3,24,45,072*

*The age-wise break-up of the stocks of foodgrains held by State Government procuring agencies for Central Pool is not available.

(d) Presently there is no proposal to reduce the Central Issue Prices for below poverty line (BPL) families.

Construction of godowns for FCI

†2611. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position with regard to construction of godowns for which contract was awarded to the Central Public Works Department by the Food Corporation of India, State-wise;

(b) the number of godowns constructed so far as per the schedule and the details of the godowns which were not completed within the stipulated time period;

(c) the reasons for not completing the construction work within the stipulated time and whether any inquiry has been conducted into the negligence and indifference of C.P.W.D.; and

(d) whether any decision has been taken keeping in view the seriousness of the situation and to prevent its recurrence in the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) The State-wise status of the 4 projects relating to construction of godowns, for which contract was awarded to the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) by the Food Corporation of India (FCI), is as under:—

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(i) *Dimapur (Nagaland):* Two godowns of a total capacity of 10,000 MT were stipulated to be completed by October, 1999. These were completed and handed over on 23.5.2001.

(ii) *Jowai (Meghalaya):* Godowns of a total capacity of 3,750 MT were stipulated to be completed by January, 2000. These godowns were completed and handed over on 26.6.2001.

(iii) *Agartala (Tripura):* Godowns in two units of a total capacity of 5,000 MT were stipulated to be completed by January, 2001. These were completed during June, 2001. The compound wall work and ancillaries are in progress.

(iv) *Jiribam (Manipur):* It is proposed to construct godowns with a total capacity of 2,500 MT at this centre. Tenders for godowns have been accepted by the CPWD recently. The target date for completion of the godowns is yet to be fixed.

(c) and (d) Delicate law & order situation in the North-Eastern Areas and poor response to call of tenders are the main reasons for slow progress in these works. The matter has been taken up with Director General (Works), CPWD for early completion of the remaining projects.

Imports of Edible Oils

2612. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of imports of edible oils during the last five years;

(b) the details of the reasons for not achieving self-sufficiency in edible oils;

(c) whether any technology mission type approach is proposed to be adopted to accelerate production of edible oilseeds in the country; and

(d) if so,the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) Import of edible vegetable oils during the last five years is as under:—

Year	Quantity (in MT)	Value (Rs. Lakhs)
1996-97	1415794	292919.32
1997-98	1265753	276467.05
1998-99	2621851	758892.58
1999-2000	4195638	804605.37
2000-2001(P)	3974638	593275.74

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkata.

P: Provisional figures.